

VOTING IS VICTORY

VOTING REGISTRATION IN U.S. FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTIONS FROM ATHENS

Most Americans who reside abroad are eligible to vote in U.S. elections. Eligibility depends upon the laws and regulations of your state of residence in the U.S. The absentee voting process is designed to permit citizens who will be away from their local polling places on Election Day to vote through mail. Absentee voters should request their ballots at least 60 days before the Election.

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is a postage free postcard printed and distributed by the federal government for use by absentee voters. The FPCA serves as a simultaneous registration form and application for an absentee ballot. However, the extent of its use is controlled by state law and sometimes by local procedure. Some states require that the voter have their ballot notarized. The U.S. Embassy's Notarial Unit notarizes ballots free of charge.

Specific information on applying for absentee registration and notarization if needed may be obtained by the American Services Section, Notarial Unit at 210-7202421 or 210-7202423. Notarial hours are from 9.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Monday through Friday (except on American and Greek holidays).

For general information on absentee voting, elections, up to date information for state by state registration and absentee ballot request procedures can also be obtained by the FVAP website www.fvap.gov.

This website also contains links to many voting related sites, including all state elections sites, which provide information about upcoming elections, and links to U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

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